

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A program starter system comprising:

a recording medium reader removably connected to an auxiliary recording medium which reads data stored in the auxiliary recording medium;

a monitoring circuit which monitors the recording medium reader and detects the auxiliary recording medium connected to the recording medium reader; and

a control circuit which determines an identifier of a data file recorded in the detected auxiliary recording medium and starts an application program which has already been related to the identifier and copies image data files recorded in the auxiliary recording medium to another auxiliary recording medium.

2. A program startup control method for use in a data processing system having a recording medium reader which is removably connected to an auxiliary recording medium and reads data stored in the auxiliary recording medium, said method comprising:

monitoring the recording medium reader and detecting the auxiliary recording medium connected to the recording medium reader;

determining an identifier of a data file recorded on the detected auxiliary recording medium; and

starting an application program which has already been related to the identifier and copying image data files recorded in the auxiliary recording medium to another auxiliary recording medium.

3. A printer for use in the program starter system as defined in Claim 1, the printer comprising the recording medium reader.

4. A printer for use in the program startup control method as defined in Claim 2, the printer comprising the recording medium reader.